

AN ORDINANCE



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**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II OF
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING
SECTION 162-44 SO AS TO CREATE A
VEHICLES FOR HIRE ADVISORY
COMMISSION; AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, an advisory group made up of representatives of all stakeholders was convened and met for over seven months concluding with a series of recommendations, including the creation of a vehicles for hire advisory commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its police powers, the City of Atlanta is authorized to enact legislation to regulate certain types of businesses and industries which could potentially affect the public health, safety and welfare, including businesses which involve vehicles for hire.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1

That Article II of the code of ordinances be amended to add the following:

Sec. 162-44. Vehicles for Hire Advisory Commission.

(a) There is created a vehicles for hire advisory commission of the city to be composed of no more than 10 members nominated by the mayor and confirmed by the city council. The members of the commission shall annually select a chair and a vice-chair from the membership. The mayor shall nominate the following:

- (1) The Manager of Airport Ground Transportation
- (2) The Taxi Bureau Director
- (3) A Representative of Central Atlanta Progress
- (4) A Representative of the Atlanta Conventions and Visitor Bureau
- (5) A Representative of any vehicle for hire company owner's non-profit organization incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.
- (6) A Representative of any vehicle for hire drivers' non-profit organization incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Georgia.
- (7) A Representative from hotel/hospitality industry
- (8) Chair of the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee

(b) The members of the commission that are not representing a city agency shall serve a term of two years.

(c) Members of the commission shall not be compensated for their service.

(d) The commission shall establish a regular meeting time and place and shall publish in each quarter of every year a schedule of the meetings for that quarter of the year. Further, the commission may call special meetings as it deems necessary. All such meetings shall be open to the public. The commission shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings. Administrative and legal services as may be required by the board shall be furnished by appropriate departments and agencies of the city. The bureau of taxicabs and vehicles for hire shall provide staff support for the commission. Any commission member who misses two consecutive meetings of the board shall forfeit such member's position on the board. Such member's position will be filled according to the procedure established pursuant to this section.

(e) The vehicles for hire advisory commission shall have the following duties:

- (1) Develop, encourage and coordinate communications and cooperation among all stakeholders of the vehicles for hire industry;
- (2) Study, research, investigate, monitor and objectively evaluate all aspects of the vehicles for hire industry;
- (3) Prepare recommendations as to needed legislation in the area of public transportation as it relates to the vehicles for hire industry;
- (4) Hear grievances and make recommendations to the mayor and city council;
- (5) Annually provide a list of nominations for hearing officers to the mayor;
- (6) Advise and provide recommendations to the mayor and city council on all aspects of the vehicles for hire industry; and
- (7) Provide an annual report on the state of the vehicles for hire industry in the city.